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Evangel's Birthday March 1

The Church of God Evangel will observe its thirty-first anniversary with our next issue, dated March 1, which will contain many good, spiritual, uplifting articles, interesting information, encouraging reports, and pictures of its early helpers.

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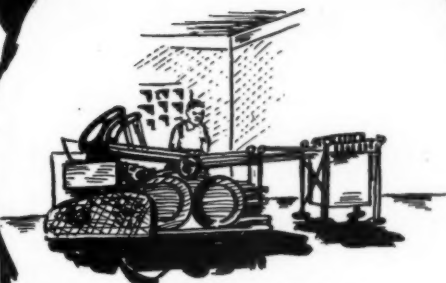


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NOTICES

From the Field

Special Notice!

A special notice recently appeared in the Evangel giving special attention to a \$42.00 check from the government, which was paid for soap coupons sent in by Brother Earl P. Paulk, but were lost in the mail. These coupons were collected by the churches on the Jesup, Ga., district and due credit is hereby given to Jesup district for this fine piece of work.

In the orphanage miscellaneous report in January 11 issue, the box sent from Sheridan, Wyo., was sent by Julia D. Pruitt, Box 306, Sheridan, Wyo., and not the Church of God.—M. B. Pearson, 39 N. Sheridan Ave., Sheridan, Wyo.

Notice to Oklahoma ministers and churches: Dear brethren, the Maud district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene Feb. 21, 22, all day each day at the Church of God in Shawnee. Please try to be present both days. The good folk from our neighboring districts are invited to come be with us.—Archie F. McWilliams, state superintendent of Y. P. E. and S. S. of Oklahoma.

I am a new minister in the Church of God in Mississippi, even though I haven't yet got license. We are in the evangelistic work.—Rev. John A. Lambert, Rt. 2, Box 211, Crystal Springs, Miss.

Will someone who has the last four copies of the Lighted Pathway send them to me, also the Church of God Evangel for the last four months? Drop me a card if you have them and I will send postage to pay for them. I will appreciate them.—Mrs. Albert Lewis, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

In Feb. 1 issue of the Evangel in "Notes of Praise," I sent in a short praise for the healing of my baby eight months old. It was misprinted in the paper as eighteen months.—Robt. P. Culpepper, Box 614, Cocoa, Fla.

Announcing Carlsbad and Jal, N. Mex., Conventions

To the preachers, laity and friends of the Church of God on the Carlsbad and Jal districts: The Carlsbad district convention will convene at Carlsbad, 7:00 p. m., Friday night, Feb. 21, over Sunday, the 23rd.

The Jal district convention will convene at Jal, beginning 7:00 p. m., Friday night, Feb. 28, over Sunday, March 2.

Sunday night, March 2, we are beginning a revival at the close of the convention, with our state overseer and the Ramsey Band. We are looking for some of our Texas brethren and families over with us during the convention.

Brethren, let's have a good report when we come to the convention. We are expecting our brethren from the other districts in New Mexico. Pray that God will give us a glorious time and I am sure He will if we will do our part.—L. C. Pennington, Jal, N. Mex.

I am now devoting my entire time to the evangelistic field in general and will do my best to answer any call from those requesting my service. My permanent address is 405 White Oak St., High Point, N. C.—Harvey E. O'Ham.

Dear Brethren, I am writing in behalf of Rev. Harvey E. O'Ham, our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. We, the church at High Point, recommend him highly, not only as a good preacher but he lives it as well. He has evangelist's papers granted by Brother

Paulk. If you would like more information, write Rev. R. W. Tedder, 1111 E. Commerce St., High Point, N. C., our district pastor, also pastor of the church in High Point, N. C.—Glenn G. Eason, clerk, High Point, N. C.

I am now open for calls. I will consider calls in any state. I am a young, single man.—Lawrence Gibson, Box 173, Eldorado, Ill.

My address for this Assembly year is Rt. 2, Vine Grove, Ky. — George L. Cravens.

LIVING FOR JESUS

HEFLIN, Ala.—I am still living for Jesus. He has done too much for me for me not to live for Him. He has healed me when doctors couldn't. I am only fourteen years of age and sometimes the devil gets a pretty good hold on me, but I get to praying and Jesus comes to my rescue. When I was sick I requested prayer through the Evangel and praise the Lord, He healed me.—Cludie Roswell.



In Memory of



JAMES DAVID VAUGHAN, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

To time-traversed shores another story is added. 'Tis one of a pitiful tale, yet glorious in its significance. The death of James D. Vaughan, age 76, came at an unexpected moment and will be mourned by those who knew him through song and acquaintance.

The Vaughan quartets and singers have not overlooked our Assemblies in the category of consistories listed by them. For our people he had love and profound respect.

Sunday afternoon, February 9, the curtain came down on the stage of activity and closed the drama playing the part of this godly man. The cast is absented of a lovely character in the major role of gospel song books and compositions. His establishment dates back to the beginning of this century. Forty years he delivered faithfully the essential traditions of great musicians who preceded him.

To this origin he added the progressive steps of modern day interpretations. However, the greatest factor outstanding in this classification is, his music never failed to have the needed touch of divine inspiration.

To all Evangel readers a sense of emotion will occupy, but when the great roll call is given we shall not need to sing, "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven For You;" he will be there, so says the testimony left us. His clean, sweet life will help us

sing "I Feel Like Traveling On," another of his wonderful arrangements.

Our prayers shall attend the throne for the bereaved who grieve not as those who have no hope.

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PHILLIPS

Pastor, Church of God, Zion, Ala.

Our pastor, Brother Henry N. Phillips, passed away Monday morning, Feb. 3, 1941. He trusted the Lord until death. He was a good man, a good friend, and a good pastor, and practiced just what he preached. He had many friends. He will be missed by his churches and all who knew him. His body was laid to rest in Flatrock cemetery to await the resurrection.—Mrs. W. T. Yarbrough, Wedowee, Ala.

HUGHES

Hubert Hughes of Abilene, Texas, departed this life Jan. 25, 1941; age fifty-seven years and four and one-half months.—His wife, Nora Hughes, 517 Peach St., Abilene, Tex.

DANIEL

My wife departed this life Jan. 8, 1941. Please pray God to help me bear my grief and live for Him and that my faith will be increased.—A weak, grief-
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The Church--Chosen, Redeemed and Sealed

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

Lesson text: " He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins After that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession," Eph. 1:1-4.

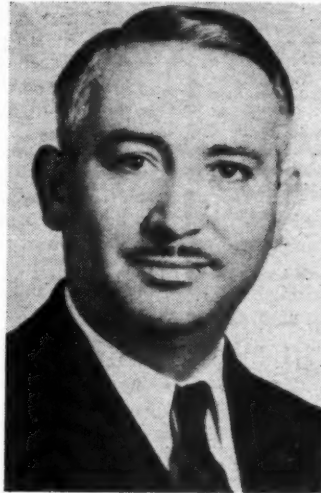
We have a picture of the Church of God in this first chapter of Ephesians, as chosen of God before the foundation of the world, redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus, sealed by God with the Holy Spirit, the earnest of an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

In the fourth verse we have the Church chosen of God from before the foundation of the world. That statement staggers human intelligence. Before God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1, 2); before God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:7-8), He chose the Church in Christ, to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (a treasured people), called from darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Pet. 2:9.

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself." 5th verse. Many have asked the question, "Did God create man foreknowing that he would sin and plunge the human race into moral chaos and death?" Incomprehensible as the answer may seem, before the Creator laid the foundations of earth and before the morning star began to shine, He knew that Adam would sell out to Satan through sin. Please do not think for one moment that God predestinated some people for heaven and some for hell. For Him to do so would be to violate the justice and holiness of His character. While God foreknew of man's downfall, yet He predestinated that the sinner should be the object of His tender mercy and grace (that whosoever believeth in His Son, slain from the foundation of the world, should not perish but have everlasting life) John 3:16; Rev. 13:8.

We have a wonderful picture of this truth in the Garden of Eden. In the cool of the day, at sunset, God would descend from heaven and commune with Adam. What glorious seasons of fellowship! What moments of joy! as they walked and talked together.

Then one day the birds hushed their song, the angels bowed their heads in sorrow as God, walking among the trees of the garden, called, "Adam! Adam! where art thou?" Sin had entered in and marred that sweet fellowship and rela-



tionship between God and man. Gen. 3:8.

You would think that Adam would have crawled on his hands and knees to find and ask God's forgiveness, but no, he hid himself from the presence of his Maker. Instead, it is God seeking the fallen. What love so divine! Grace so amazing! What condescension! God seeking the sinner. That has always been the case throughout the ages.

Jesus gave us a touching illustration of this divine truth in His parable of "The Lost Sheep." The Shepherd leaves the "ninety and nine" in the fold and goes out into the dark, dreary night, over the barren hills of sin and shame, through the valleys of despair to find "the lost sheep," not resting until He finds the one that went astray and brings it back safely to the fold. Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

The Church is not only chosen from before the foundation of the world, but also redeemed through Calvary, receiving the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace (7th verse).

The word "redemption" implies original ownership, and also ownership through purchase. Adam broke off relationship with God when he sinned, and through him sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned. Thus man, through disobedience, sold out to Satan and became his slave. Rom. 5:12; 7:14. Therefore Satan has a legal claim on mankind. Jesus said, " Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He

was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:34-44.

God told Adam and Eve not to do a certain thing, adding, "In the day you disobey, you shall surely die." But Satan lied to them, saying, "Ye shall not surely die." They disobeyed God and were banished from Paradise, alienated and severed from God. That is death. Physical death followed, to be sure, but separation from God was the point of emphasis when God said, "In the day thou sinnest thou shalt surely die."

But love found a way to redeem and reconcile the estranged sinners of this world. Oh! mystery of mysteries, the Son of God, born of the virgin, conceived by the Holy Ghost, thus uniting both His human nature and divine. Therefore, Jesus was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary. The devil is a murderer, he is a liar and the father of lies. In a word, he is the Lawless One. Sin is the transgression of God's law. Sin is a foul disease. Sin is murder, lying, lust, dishonesty and a whole catalogue of rapine and iniquity. It makes death a torture, and the eternity beyond the grave an infinite and intolerable blackness and torment. But thanks be to God, Jesus was manifested—to destroy the works of the devil. And regardless of how low down in sin one may be, there is power in the precious blood of Calvary to snap the fetters and set the captive free. For we are redeemed, not with silver nor with gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

Let me illustrate. During the slavery days of the Southern States, a most touching incident occurred. A young negress was being auctioned off one day, when a man with a harsh, shrill voice entered a high bid. She trembled, for she knew by the sound of his voice that he was a hard taskmaster. Then a younger plantation owner entered a higher bid. There was a note in the second bidder's voice, that indicated kindness. But the first bidder entered a higher bid, and so the bids went higher and higher till the first bidder's was at the top of the list.

The auctioneer was ready to close the sale, when the second bidder entered a far greater one. No one else dared to bid further. With mallet raised, the auctioneer said, "Are you all done? Last chance? Sold to the last bidder."

After the transaction was completed, both the young man and his newly-pur-

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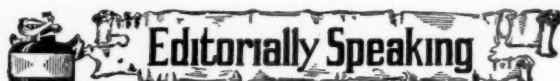
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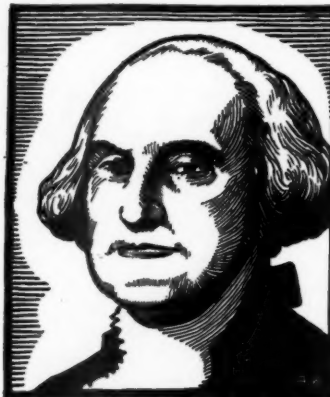


The Father of His Country

A great deal has been said and much more could be said about this great man, but space will not permit extensive eulogy, and perhaps it is not necessary that much should be said for everybody knows of George Washington as a great leader among men and as the father of our country. It has been said that when the news of his death reached Europe mourning became almost as widespread as it had been in America. The armies of Bonaparte and the fleet of Great Britain did homage to his memory. It was admitted in all of the major countries of the earth that a statesman of the highest rank and a great friend of mankind was lost to the world. He was eulogized because of his diplomacy, because of his ability as a general, and because of his kindness which endeared him to the hearts of all of his fellow men; so, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen" might have had a much wider meaning than its authors ever intended that it should have.

While a great many have written of this great man, practically all have paid tribute to his unselfish devotion to duty, especially the cause of independence; to his courage and his sublime hopefulness, even under defeat. But one of the things which is perhaps the most outstanding was his abiding faith in God and his absolute integrity and purity of motive. When these things are considered, perhaps there is no other character which may be placed higher among the heroes of history than he.

We have been told that Washington never undertook any major undertaking without first calling upon the almighty God in whom he trusted, asking that He would guide him in his decision and then assist him in that which he was about to do. It is indeed greatly consoling to know that we have leaders at the head of the nation who can still remember that God is on the throne, that our God is a God who can help in the time of trouble, and that He will help when we trust in Him. Any nation is far better off with leaders who acknowledge and put their trust in God. May the leaders of our great republic ever remember the Lord whose love and mercy brought us to this country.



WASHINGTON
Birthday Anniversary
February 22nd

National Scout Week

All over the country, great throngs of boys in khaki have been seen on the streets or in the schools, wearing their uniform to designate that the week of February 7-13 is National Scout Week. The ideas of how much good is done by this organization may be varied in the minds of our various readers, but it must be realized that from a standpoint of physical, mental, and moral training the organization is doing a great work. The scout pledge as taken by all of the members of the Boy Scouts is in part as follows: "To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

If the coming generation is to be what it should be from a standpoint of physical strength, then it is nothing but reasonable that they should have physical training. If our nation is to be in the strong position of making right decisions and able to carry on in the commercial world and the diplomatic world, our youth should have mental training. And in a day when lawlessness and banditry have their schools open for our youth constantly, there is perhaps only one thing more important than that our youth have the proper moral training. The Boy Scouts, therefore, are to be commended for the position that they occupy in these fields.

But, there is one thing that is sadly lacking and this is that which should be applied by an organization whose duty it is to make the world not only physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, but also to make it spiritually strong. Why should the Church of God not have an organization among its boys of a similar nature, with each pastor of a church, or someone whom he should designate as a scout leader, to give the boys of his congregation physical training, mental training, and moral training, coupled with that which is of utmost importance, especially in these days, a spiritual training, which would give them a balanced life and enable them to cope with every situation which confronts them. It must be acknowledged that youth training is one of the things where the Church is short, but there is no reason why the Church should fail in its obligation on this line. Let us be wide awake and discharge our duty in behalf of the boys, in helping to satisfy and develop their physical, mental, moral and spiritual life.

Jews Continue Work in Palestine

The preparation for the Jews to return to Palestine continues. An article in the Pathfinder for February 8, under the head of "Palestine Appeal," reads as follows: "Of the world's population of 15,700,000 Jews, scarcely more than half a million live in Palestine; but for Jews and Christians alike, the Jewish homeland has become a prime bastion of democracy,

both as a haven for Jews persecuted in other lands and as a bulwark of British defense. For this reason the United Palestine Appeal has just launched a \$12,000,000 war emergency campaign, the greatest drive for Palestine ever made in the United States. The action was taken at the U. P. A's National Conference in Washington which was attended by 1,600 delegates from forty-four states. The fund is needed to reclaim the land for the 280,000 refugees who have flocked to the sanctuary during the past eight years. In addition, a part of the money will be spent to improve Palestine armaments, thus easing the British defense problem." Thus the work of reclaiming Palestine continues, assuring us that Bible prophecy concerning the return of the Jews not only will be but is being fulfilled.

What Will Ye See in the Shulamite?

BY GARNER J. WILKINS

"Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. WHAT WILL YE SEE IN THE SHULAMITE? As it were the company of two armies." Cant. 6:13.

It is said, "Truth challenges our admiration." The middle clause of the above text is precisely an express challenge. Certain critics maintain that this short book of THE BOOK is to be regarded as an abstract, or a sophistical and complex enigma. And have advanced the idea, or recommendation, that it should be excluded from the recognized canon of Holy Scriptures; but in our estimation the reasons they present are fallacious, and should be pre-emptorily dismissed without a moment's hesitation. We are persuaded that for one to construe the truth so beautifully presented in the S. of Solomon as the "ramblings of a mind sex crazy," would in itself be the promptings of a "pervert" mind and a will bent to distortion of the WHOLE TRUTH. "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." Tit. 2:15. So much for that.

We believe the book to be an integral part of the inspired Bible. Furthermore, that inspiration does not ask a question, such as is presented in our text, and trust the answer to the capricious imagination of man. With this assurance we conclude that there must always be an answer inserted somewhere within the confines of the Bible for our convenience. To ascertain this fact we begin a careful search to "rightly divide the word of truth" relative to the subject in hand. They who are anointed with the Holy Ghost have an "heavenly unction" and are not dependent on the vain imagination of man, and not necessarily obligated to accept the teaching of men as expressing a final determination; but are confident that God has incorporated a WHOLE TRUTH in the body of Holy Scriptures, comprising what appears to be, at times, the negative and affirmative, but only so as to arouse or challenge the student to a more diligent search for the testimony of Christ, its central theme. With God there is no YEA and NAY. Paul says, "... the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us ... was not yea and nay, but in him was YEA. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in Him AMEN (conclusive), unto the glory of God by us." (2 Cor. 1:19-20.)

With this happy verdict we return to a consideration of the text. First, we look for an answer to the question in these words immediately following the question, "as it were the company of TWO ar-

mies." After some analysis of this clause we conclude that should someone "look upon" another, as the bridegroom desired to "look upon" the Shulamite, and steadfastly declare they saw, "as it were TWO," there would of necessity be a reason, and an explanation forthcoming. With God there would always be a plausible reason, and to this understanding we bend our efforts. However, this assertion does not necessarily imply that the "company of two armies" are absolutely identical in appearance. And the language of the clause is so spontaneous that to my mind it suggests that it was deliberate and intentional on the part of the bridegroom that he see in the Shulamite, "as it were the company of TWO armies." Why? There are several approaches we may take to a reasonable conclusion as to why he would want to see "TWO ARMIES" in her after his exquisite delight in her person as a thing of excellence and superb beauty, and her manifest exultation as she speaks so tenderly, "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies." Cant. 6:3. First, and perhaps less in importance, is that in two there is to be noted double strength. Secondly, is the numerical order to establish proper witness. Jesus said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." Matt. 18:16. Again, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them," verse 20.

Someone perhaps will say he saw two armies because the Jew and Gentile were now united in the "Shulamite." (The word means peacefulness.) And it is true in the body of Christ (the Church), these two divergent elements are united. "He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Eph. 2:14. But I am inclined to look further for the broadest definition. I believe that there is to be seen in the "Shulamite," upon closer and more studied observation, a LITERAL army comprising redeemed mortals, fighting the "good fight of faith," side by side, and shoulder to shoulder with the GREAT SPIRIT of God and the invisible company of angelic soldiers who follow His command, and whereas, the command is ever "Forward march!" Continually the cry is heard from the one company, "COME!" and the other echo's "COME!" calling for other volunteers to come and enlist in the animated and illuminated army of heaven's King. So it is, "the Spirit and the bride say, Come . . ."

Rev. 22:17. Consequently, when the mighty King of kings and Lord of lords looks upon the "Shulamite" He sees an army with a TWOFOLD ASPECT. It is literal men endowed with the spirit of disposition of angels, and graced with gifts from the spiritual realm. And it is here again we have "God manifest in the flesh," and we see the true Israel of God, the Church of the living God, the conquering Christian army, both literal and spiritual. Men, in the earthly house of clay, good soldiers of Jesus Christ and fighters, not with carnal weapons, but ARMS SUPERIOR, "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds," advancing on and over the gates (strongholds) of hell the Ecclesia of God, called and chosen. With this vision we know that we "are not come unto the mount that might be touched . . . But ye (we) are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written (enrolled) in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect," Heb. 12:18-23, to the new and living way.

Here we see the Church of God militant, marching on to an eventful triumph, because her identity is with the mighty warriors of the heavenly world before whom every foe will be vanquished, finally death. But do not misunderstand me, the SPIRITUAL function is through the literal COMPACT body of mortals, and there is no other means of identifying the spiritual except by the manifest coordination of the group of physicals who have properly and fittingly expressed their faith and betrothal by covenant and organization, pledging adherence to the doctrine of the New Testament, and allegiance to the demands of its government. This would enjoin recognition of every jot and tittle of the new covenant. I believe there are those who have qualified in this respect, and when the HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM "looks upon" the "SHULAMITE" today He sees "as it were the company of TWO armies," because she has made herself "READY" to fight the fight of faith, with and by the companionship of the Holy Ghost and the angels of God who fight with HIM. AMEN.

The persons who air their troubles among the weak members of their assembly have poor judgment and many times a poor experience; none are benefited and the cause is weakened.

Reports From the Field

Toledo, Ohio, Moving Forward

Our revival is still continuing with greater interest at the Church of God here. Many hungry hearts are still praying for the Holy Ghost. God is really blessing in a miraculous way. They have a new church almost completed now and expect to be in by the time this goes on the press. Every department in the church here is pressing forward with victory. The Sunday School has increased over one hundred per cent.

Our beloved Brother D. W. Mills, the pastor here, is a fine man to work with. The writer and he work like two brothers should work. The whole church has cooperated and God is blessing every service. Although it is cold here, a big snow on the ground, this doesn't hinder because salvation is "freezeproof," "fireproof" and "waterproof," and the people have tried it out here. Now they have the determination to press forward. So far, at this writing, there have been twenty-two saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and still many seekers at the altar every night. If you want to start a good Church of God crop this year sow some Evangel seeds and watch them grow.—W. T. Truett, 1718 Elm, Toledo, Ohio.

Montgomery, Ala., District Convention

The Montgomery district convention convened at Chapman, Ala., Saturday night and Sunday, January 25, 26. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way from the first service and throughout the entire convention.

The first service began Saturday night at 7:00 p. m. The devotional service was filled with shouts of victory. The speakers of the evening were: Revs. H. W. Dennis, J. T. Heard, A. V. Coker. On Sunday morning the devotional service began at 9:45 as we were visited by the presence of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. We were blessed with messages from Revs. W. E. Dowdy and H. L. Chesser. Although it was raining, the church was filled and as we adjourned for lunch the benches were pulled together and dinner was spread, of which there was plenty for all.

No one really knew just when the afternoon service began as the people were singing even before service time. Short messages were rendered by Brothers Saunders, Cumba, J. R. Bell, Clyde

Helms, W. B. Nabors. Then followed the reports of churches, after which the convention was closed with singing, handshakes and good-byes. Pray for us in South Alabama.—W. B. Nabors, Geneva, Ala.

Baxter, Tenn., Blessed of the Lord

BAXTER, Tenn.—In spite of the power of the devil, we expect a church here this year. We are surely having good services at home. Two sisters have received the Holy Ghost and they are good faithful workers. I feel that we have the fire burning for God. The members are surely working hard. We have a very good district pastor, Brother Roy

Dagnan, who lives at Cookeville. He is working hard for the benefit of the church. Pray that God will bless him and his family and pray for us to get a church here at Baxter and that lost souls will come to God.

I praise God for His great love and His mighty power that He has for all who will come to Him. We have a good sister at Silver Point pastoring the work here, Sister Kilgore. She has promised to come and help us out in services at Baxter. Pray that God will bless us all.—Bethel Maynard.

A Great Increase

BECKLEY, W. Va. — We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at Beckley, W. Va. The average in Sunday School for the first three months last year was 77. For the same period this year it was 108. The average for the Y. P. E. last year was 62; this year 82. The Evangelist (Continued on page 14)

Pennsylvania Builds Another Church



The Church of God at Acosta is rising and shining. Some few months ago Rev. and Mrs. D. DeFino came to Acosta, by request of their state overseer, and under adverse conditions took the church over as pastor. The people were quite discouraged but it was not long until all were working together and soon we heard of a church being built there. We were asked to dedicate it and were instrumental in raising \$115.00 cash on that day. The church is nicely furnished and finished on the inside with elevated floor and beautiful lights. The outside is not quite completed but will be soon. Surely the Lord is working at Acosta. The L. W. W. B. is paying for the lights and play a very active part in the work.

The pastor and wife are to the extreme right of the picture, the pastor holding his little girl. They have one of the leading Sunday Schools in the state, and a fine Y. P. E. May the Lord's richest blessings be on the Acosta work.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer.



Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Letter From India

Chengannur P. O., Travancore State,
South India, January 10, 1941.

Dear ones in the homeland:

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness shown to us on our voyage of around 10,000 miles back to India. We had a good journey all the way—no bad storms nor heavy seas, nor seasickness. A week before we reached Manila they had a fearful typhoon there which pulled down trees. Boats were destroyed and a number of lives were lost. We got only the tail end of the storm. From San Francisco we sailed directly to the Philippines via the Hawaiian Islands. Then to the Malay Peninsula, touching Singapore and Penang, and on to our destination, Colombo, Ceylon. When we entered the harbor, January 6, we were surprised to see our son George in a little rowboat coming to welcome us—two natives were rowing the boat. My, that was joy unspeakable!

From Colombo we took a train for Talaimannar—the northernmost point of Ceylon, from where we ferried twenty-two miles over to India. Here the train awaited us on the pier which was built out on the sand bar. When we reached Madura, the main station in the Tamil field, dear Brother Benjamin and his wife, and a goodly number of the members of the Church greeted us at the station, even though it was raining.

Along the route we were met at two different stations, though it was one o'clock in the morning, and there was rain. Our dear people were so glad to see us and some were even shedding tears of joy. At Kottarakara Railway Station, the end of our train journey, a goodly number of the Church there and some from Chengannur, as well as Blossom, Brother and Sister Case, and a lawyer, teacher and merchant of the Syrian community living near us. This was about two o'clock in the morning. They told us there were more en route to welcome us, so they asked us to wait in Kottarakara till morning. Of course, time went by very quickly because there was so much to say; so many questions to answer and other things to talk about. Two cars that came to the station were decorated with colored

paper for the occasion.

At the break of day we started off and the first crowd we met was at Adur outstation. Among them were children who have lately received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Thatta out-station. In all eighteen have recently received the Holy Ghost at that station. After a little exhortation and thanksgiving for our safe

LETTER FROM CHINA

Dear Brother Boehmer, greetings and many heart thanks for the draft. God will reward. Truly it is our wish that you tell the saints to follow each gift to the field of China with many a prayer. Truly He, our God is love and takes care of His own even in the dark hours of crisis. We fear not. The Lord our God reigns though earth's foundations shake, though mountains be removed and islands quake. We sing and shout for joy. We know God's Word can never break, so Church of God, let us our homage bring, His honor vindicate, His praises sing. The Lord our God is love. Love says, "Good will toward men."

The work in China is going on. God is with us. In these days when every letter has to pass the censor, it is wise to write little and pray much. Follow the gospel. Wherever the gospel goes, be it today or tomorrow, it breathes the same loving message. God does not hate the world, it is the world that hates God, and we His children know He is love, and loves us with a love tender and everlasting. More than that He gave us a promise in Jer. 31:16, "Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy," so be of good cheer. Read Dan. 12:3.

With a grateful heart to all,
Paul C. Pitt.

journey, mingled with tears of joy, we moved on to Chengannur. Here too, we were met by a large crowd of people of the community. They had the Salvation Army band, consisting of drums and fifes. Chairs and a table were arranged and we were given a warm welcome by being garlanded with flowers and lemons. We gave a little speech and then came up to our mission house. As we came up the

hill near the house we drove through an arch made of ferns and other green leaves with the word "WELCOME" cut out of paper in large letters. We found that much improvement had been made to the roads and the house. As we stepped our feet on the front veranda, we paused to give God thanks with tears of joy flowing, thanking Him for the safe journey to the place we call home. Entering the house we were surprised to see so many improvements which the loving hearts and hands of Blossom, George and others had prepared for us, and which are very necessary for our comfort in this trying climate.

A big event of the day was a reception at four o'clock that afternoon, when the community of Hindus, Mohammedans and Christians gave us a formal welcome with a program of special music and speeches. Our Sunday School also took part, a speech in English being given by one of the young men of the Sunday School. They erected a large pandal (like a brush arbor) for this purpose. Here, too, we were garlanded and everyone acclaimed Brother Cook as "Their Mr. Cook"—Hindus and Mohammedans included. A large number of our people came from far and near—even walking distances of thirty miles and more, to take part in this reception. We felt unworthy of all the honor bestowed upon us. Brother Cook responded with a brief message from Romans 1:14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." In this connection he said that he was a debtor to the people of this community and he was going to fulfil his obligations to them, as well as to the British Government and to the Travancore Governments who have made our missionary work a possibility with all necessary freedom and protection.

We were glad to see the Cases looking well and happy and of course they were glad to get direct news from home. Sylvia Sue, their daughter, has grown to be such a big girl now, and talks Malayalam, the native language, more than she does English. It is nice to hear her sing songs in the language and speak just like a native. We are also glad to know that Sister Case has lately passed her first examina-

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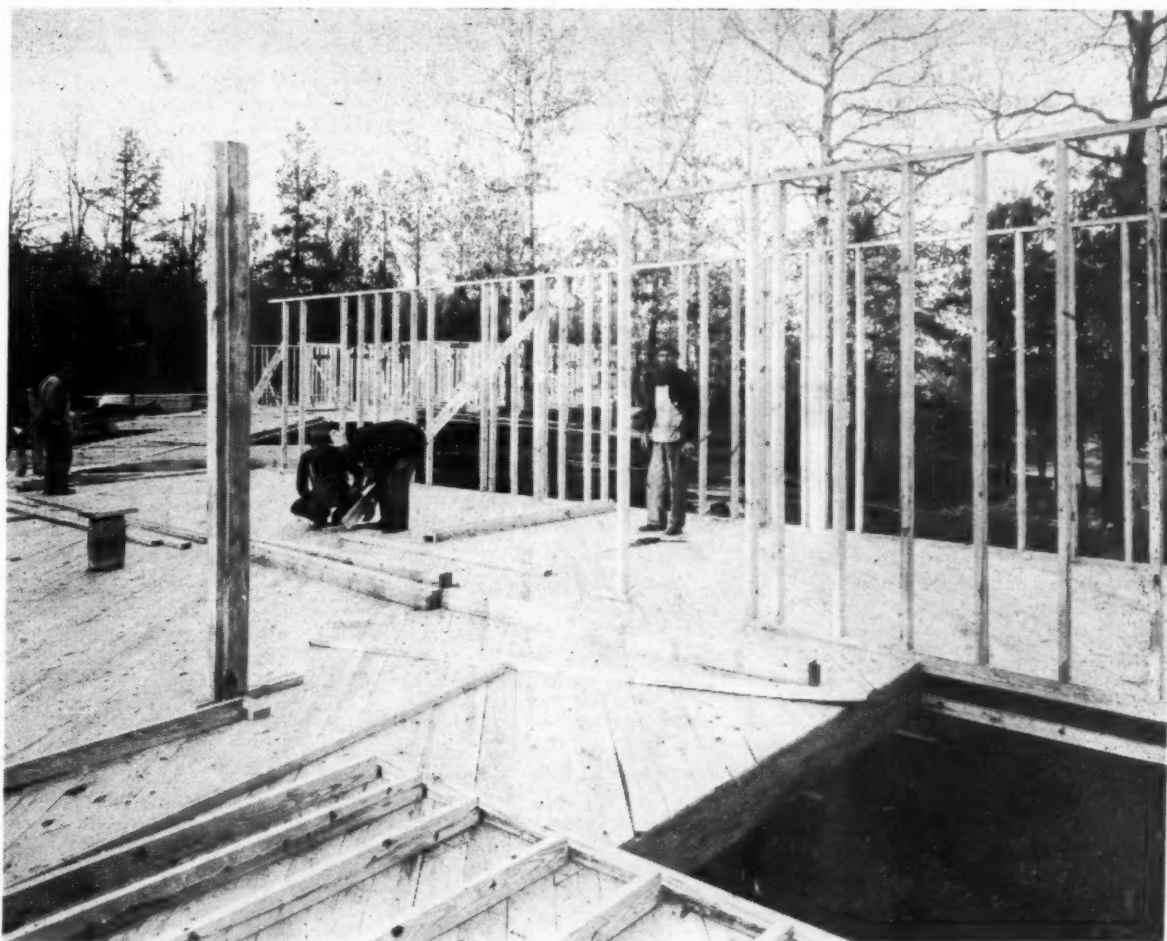
This is a picture of the new feed barn just being finished on the New Orphanage Farm.

One cannot properly appreciate the site of the New Boys' Home and the beautiful buildings that are being constructed, without making a visit to them. The Lord has blessed us with wonderful building weather and the superintendent of construction has been taking advantage of the hours of sunshine and transforming them into a beacon light of Church of God benevolence in the form of a palatial and modern home for orphan boys.

In the picture of the home, as it is here presented, one can only see the framework above the first floor. Underneath this is a full-size basement, nine feet in height, with twelve-foot brick walls. In one end of this basement will be a playroom for the large boys and at the other end one for the small boys. Within its confines will also be a laundry, store room and hot water heating plant. The first floor will have an office, reception room,

apartment for manager, a large dining room and kitchen, and several rooms for the boys. The second floor will have a large library and study hall and a large number of rooms for the boys. Each floor, including basement, will be equipped with rest rooms and showers. The outside appearance will be a beautiful colonial style with large columns, the walls finished in brick veneer with velvet text brick. The Home when completed

ORPHANAGE DAY AT ALL CHURCHES



This picture was taken from the first floor at the south end of the new orphanage building.

will accommodate more than one hundred boys, with additional rooms for the management.

The thought of this project was marvelous but its reality is even more than that. The blessings to be derived are widespread. First, it is a great blessing to the homeless children who are gathered in from all over the nation. Children whose lives would otherwise be blighted and empty are able to receive care and train-

ing of the very best type, for soul, mind, and body. Second, people from all over the nation are given the opportunity of blessings in contributing to the establishment and maintenance of this great institution.

This institution will cost quite a lot of money, but the Church of God has undertaken it by faith, and the Church of God knows no defeat. The Assembly approved and ordered the building constructed and

it is in the process of construction, but now we need money. The Orphanage Committee, together with the General Overseer, has set aside and designated EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 13, AS SPECIAL ORPHANAGE DAY and hereby makes this special appeal that every state overseer, district overseer, and pastor so observe it in your respective territories by taking a good offering.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

'Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, y know that summer is nigh,' Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"Moscow, Feb. 5.—Sixteen members of religious sects have been convicted of anti-Soviet activities in a trial at Stalingrad, four being sentenced to death, the others to prison. They were described in testimony as "Evangelists" and "Kulaks." The dictator-controlled countries are running true to form. Religious persecution is the order of the day. IT IS NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT.

"Exeter, Penn.—Police and state fire marshalls investigating a fire at an Exeter coal breaker have forwarded a piece of foreign metal to Harrisburg for analysis after residents said they saw a large ball of fire fall from the sky and strike the building. Workers digging through the ruins found the ninety-five pound metallic mass which had twisted a railroad rail into a loop shape, giving rise to the theory that a meteor may have fired the breaker." Falling stars and meteors are part of the order of the day. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT EVEN TODAY, BEFORE THE TRIBULATION, THE SHADOWS OF THESE THINGS MIGHT BE WITH US.

In China it is believed that the soul of a dead person can return to earth eight or nine times, providing the departed has enough money to buy his way back. So counterfeit currency is available. Fifty thousand dollars' worth of it can be bought for about one dollar. When a relative is about to die, the Chinese burn some of this money. They continue to do so after death, in an altar full of burning coals at the bier, and in a padlocked trunk which is burned during the burial. On the way to the cemetery small amounts of this money are scattered by mourners." This information came from a reliable news source. Silly, isn't it? Yes, I insist not any sillier that many so-called educated Americans who pay priests thousands of dollars annually to pray for those who have died. It is through the gullibility of the ignorant that Catholicism can exist.

"Atlanta, February 8.—About 2,000,000 unemployed have been put to work

through rearmament efforts of the nation in the last few months, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, estimated today. Green said in an interview: 'We did have 8,000,000 men out of work but because of the defense program the number has been reduced to 6,000,000 in the last few months.' He said he had ascertained this from canvassing the latest employment statistics just before leaving Washington." It is almost twelve years since the "depression" began in America and the entire world. Since October, 1929, unemployment has been accepted as a necessary evil. The promises of politicians to restore prosperity have been unfulfilled. They have been sincere, possibly, but they have no control over these affairs. ZECHARIAH FORETELLS IT.

Samuel Cohen, Professor of Theology at Hebrew Union College, recently said that: "Race prejudice is now the cunning weapon of political domination and world conquest. In striking against the Jews, the nazis actually are striking at human equality and justice. Their attacks on Judaism masks an attack against Christianity. Anti-Semitism is a smoke screen behind which the nazis and other anti-democratic forces are preparing their onslaught against democracy and freedom. Hatred, whether in the form of anti-Jew, or anti-Negro, anti-Catholic or anti-Protestant, divides and weakens our country. Those who love America must fight racial and religious bigotry as they would fight a pest." This distinguished Jew has spoken the truth. However, the Jew is to be a curse to any nation in these days. Afterward, he will be a blessing, but today he is a curse. There is something about the overbearing, haughty attitude of a Jew that causes men to spontaneously detest them unless they are saved. HOWEVER, THE JEW IS STILL GOD'S MAN. KEEP YOUR EYE ON HIM AND YOUR HAND OFF.

George Ade, the great Indiana-born American humorist recently celebrated his 75th birthday. Asked what he thought of the present state of the world, he became serious. "The world's in a mess.

Never in all my experience have I seen the outlook so gloomy as now. I'm bewildered. I can't see any way out. The world is heading for bankruptcy. I don't think any future generation will know the happiness, the security, the contentment that we in America once enjoyed." Mr. Ade is quite right. Notice, however, how he concluded the interview: "As soon as I feel a little better I'm going to take in the races at Hialeah Park. That gives me something to look forward to and keeps me from feeling old. Right now I'm looking forward to seeing something big—seeing Purdue play football." Isn't it awful? Aged, sick, the world in a mess, hopelessness for the future, yet, going to the races and looking forward to a football game. That very splendidly typifies the attitude of the world today.

The writer has been informed that beer and other alcoholic beverages can be bought on the campgrounds used by the American soldiers today. THE FACT THAT BEER IS SOLD IN THESE CANTONMENTS AND CAMPS IS SOMETHING THAT CALLS FOR EARNEST PRAYER. The boys will be discouraged, blue, sad and lonesome. They will think of the vanity and futility of life as they have known it and will, naturally, turn to some diversion. IT MIGHT BE BEER. The antichrist spirit won't care.

The Associated Press recently featured an article concerning a certain religious gentleman, a preacher and a manufacturer. He was busily engaged in making war materials. He is a millionaire, many times over, who claims God as a partner. Here is what he said: "The Scripture clearly teaches Christians to be loyal to the powers that be—their government. There is a place for meekness but that doesn't mean that to be a Christian you must be a sissy. The pacifist (one who opposes war) position won't hold water. If a robber came into your house and started abusing your wife and children, you'd fight. It's just a question of whether you want to wait until he gets into your house or meet him at the front gate." Remember this (Continued on page 14)



THE Trumpeter

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Sevierville, Tennessee

Christian Evidence — A Subject Needed by the Young People

The young people of today have the greatest educational opportunity ever afforded. The little log cabin schools of yesterday have grown into large schools, colleges and universities. The little blue-back speller has spread itself over the pages of millions and millions of books. Free libraries are all over the country. Since young people have a strong natural desire to learn and advance; a craving to study, to dig and bring out the hidden facts of every phase of life; they are bound to get an education of some kind. To be well educated is a great achievement, but parents should exercise great care and caution to see that their children are getting a well-balanced education.

Some of the great intellectual giants of the nation are as ignorant as babes concerning Christianity. They can not be blamed for getting an education, but should be condemned for not getting a well-balanced education. They have left off the weightier things and taken on substitutes.

Christian Evidence is the subject that supplies the deficiency in the present courses of study. This subject, as taught at Bible Training School, will be the answer to many questions that have held you back in your study of the Bible. Also, the mastery of this subject will qualify you to meet successfully the attacks of skeptics, infidels, cavilers, free thinkers, secularists, lampooners, rationalists, liberalists, and many others who uphold doctrines contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Not only will it prove the inconsistency of their theories, but it also will afford scientific proof of the divinity of the WHOLE Bible.

The textbook used in this study—"A System of Christian Evidence"—was

written by Leaner S. Keyser, A. M., D. D., a man who has a series of outstanding accomplishments to his credit. His writings have proven to be a great asset to the Christian religion.

It is remarkable to note how he deals with the opposers of Christianity. He does not call them harsh names, neither does he discredit their intelligence and scholarship. He merely states plain facts, systematically arranged, with an aim to strengthen the believer and lead the doubter to a definite assurance. This compilation of proofs is not limited to facts stated in the Scriptures, but also draws upon the research work of historians and scientists and upon the findings of archeologists in their excavations.

I am grateful for the privilege of studying this subject. May the Lord bless you and give you the opportunity of taking Christian Evidence in the Church of God Bible Training School — *Fletcher Phillips, a student of B. T. S.*

Editorial Note—In addition to this testimony we want to print the postscript of a letter written to the superintendent by an ex-student of B. T. S., Mava Jean (Morgan) McCoy:

"P. S. Brother Tharp, please don't ever let the study *Christian Evidence* become a non-required subject (in the Bible course). Every student who enters the school should have it. I wouldn't take \$500 for my year's study of the same. It removed every doubt I might have entertained as to the Scriptures being divinely inspired, a great question before the modern youth since the various institutions refute it widely today. I appreciate all the studies, but this was my favorite."

A Memorable Service

The Sunday evening service of February 9 is a memorable one because of the wonderful testimony service that blessed

it. Each like an inspired messenger, the students arose, earnestly expressing their faith in God, many relating incidents of God's remarkable blessing, others penitently voicing an intense desire to live nearer Him. Immediately upon the opening of the altar call the student body moved forward, almost en masse, as one united body, to fall down before God and consecrate their lives more deeply to Him.

The spirit of revival is in B. T. S.—*Hoyet Bridges.*

Our Work at the Prison Camp

I know you will be interested in reading about God's blessings upon our weekly Sunday afternoon services at the nearby Federal prison camp. Each week the prisoners look forward with anticipation to our coming, and the guards, considerate and cooperative, plan arrangements in advance.

For most of the students who make up the group each Sunday, entering a Federal prison is a new experience. Invariably he or she feels a tinge of excitement as we take our place in the dining hall and watch the men in stripes file in and take their seats at the rough prison tables. The girls, especially, are shocked as those prisoners who are wearing chains march in. The jangle of their chains, as they hobble along, makes a dreadful sound. Truly our hearts are stirred to sympathy as we get a better insight into the dreariness of a prisoner's life, and especially when we note with surprise their youth, some of whom appear to be even below the minimum age of sixteen.

But, oh, what touches our hearts more than anything else is the attentive look of intense, childlike earnestness and confidence with which the men turn toward us, their eyes involuntarily welling up with tears! We wonder if they are think-

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

The healing of John Bagwell's body, he is very sick with the flu and malaria fever; the healing of my body of very bad nerves and stomach trouble.—Mollie Bagwell, 734 18th St., Manatee, Fla.

The healing of my sister who is almost helpless. She suffers great pains in her back and hips.—Mrs. Agnes Tidwell, Star Rt., Double Springs, Ala.

Our brother, Darrel Sexton, in the army and Sam Padgett in the navy somewhere on the west coast. We read the ad in the Evangel and would like for someone to visit them, if possible. My brother's address is Fort Stevens, Ore., 249 Coot Arty., H. D. 1 Street Provisional, Battery 39, 300/28.—Werna Smith and Kate McGhee, Rt. 2, Box 259, Tucson, Ariz.

Me to be completely healed and strengthened; the healing of my daughter, Bulor Davis, of an internal goitre in her throat.—Mrs. A. E. Nelson, Rt. 2, Box 50-E, Rayville, La.

The healing of Sister Jessie Lambert who is very sick.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, Rt. 1, Havana, Fla.

The healing my mother and me.—Margaret Jacobs, Box 341, Belton, S. C.

The healing of my body; my little boy to be healed of stomach trouble; my baby to be healed of cold and sore eyes, also the healing of two of my other children; my mother, Mrs. Paule Reid, Rt. 2, Tickfaw, La., to be healed of high blood pressure; the healing of Mr. W. L. Hastings, Covington, La.; his wife to be healed of a hurting in her back.—Mrs. L. Rodriguez, Folsom, La.

The Lord to heal Sister Bessie Cogburn; the healings of Sister Esther Williams.—Immokalee, Fla.

The healing and strengthening of my body.—Martha Ritchie, Vicco, Ky.

Mrs. Mason Kelly to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. B. Lively, Freeman, W. Va.

The healing of my body of severe stomach trouble and a goitre; my children to be healed; unspoken request.—Mrs. M. E. Hurst, Rt. 4, Box 168, Live Oak, Fla.

Me to be healed of a very bad chest cold which has settled there since I had the flu. I know if the Lord doesn't heal, it will develop into a more serious ail-

ment.—Miss Lena Duncombe, 820 13th St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

Me to be healed of heart attacks.—Rev. John A. Lambert, Rt. 2, Box 211, Crystal Springs, Miss.

The healing of my wife's eye, her left eye has a growth on it and it is growing over the sight.—G. M. Teague, Shuford Rural Sta., Hickory, N. C.

The healing of my tongue which has been sore over a year.—Mrs. Celestie Holder, Shannon, Ga.

The Lord to give me deliverance, He knows all; the healing of my body.—Mrs. P. A. Phillips, Gen. Del., Electra, Tex.

The healing of my body; my husband.—Mrs. A. V. Chandler, Rt. 1, Donalsonville, Ga.

The healing of my body, my lungs are in a very bad condition; two very special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Alice Flatt, Omaha, Ark.

God to undertake in some way and heal my body, also my husband's body.—Velma Crocker, Shaw, Miss.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and rheumatism, I am almost down.—Mrs. Haley Maynard, Rt. 1, Georgetown, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my body; the healing of my oldest daughter who has something wrong with her head; me to be strengthened.—Gussie Miller, Amonate, Va.

The healing of my mother that she may not have to undergo a very serious operation.—Mrs. J. A. Gibson, Rt. 2, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Brother Raymond Hanvey's wife to be completely healed.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grant, Rt. 5, Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. B. A. Fowler, of Loma, Mont., to be healed of cancer. She is now in the Doctor's Ward, Harris & Addington, 252 Paulson Medical and Dental Bldg., Spokane, Wash. — B. A. Fowler, Loma, Mont.

The healing of my body; my baby to be healed of asthma; my little boy to be healed of kidney trouble; my husband that the Lord will help him through the dark hours.—Mrs. Bertha Hampton, Rt. 3, Lancaster, Ky.

Brother Knight, Rt. 1, Winter Garden, Fla., who is in a serious condition with a cancer on his face, to be healed. Sister

Knight wants a Christian girl who has no home to come make her home with her.—Mrs. J. A. Birdyshaw, Box 1207, Ocoee, Fla.

God to heal my head and body; unspoken request.—Mrs. Addie Frederick, Millstone, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of rheumatism; the healing of my invalid wife.—Frank Carrico, St. George, W. Va.

My mother who was run over by a car to be healed, she is in a bad condition.—Mrs. Bob Lacey, Rt. 1, McCall Creek, Miss.

The healing of my body. I have been sick since last June. I had pneumonia and malaria fever and the doctor said it left my heart weak. Please pray that I may be healed.—Mrs. Joy Duval, Hallsboro, N. C.

The healing of my wife who is very sick, also the healing of my father, mother and mother-in-law.—Simon Judd, 108 Franklin St., Cookeville, Tenn.

Me to be healed of a very bad cough.—Mrs. W. T. Yarbrough, Wedowee, Ala.

Port Huron, Mich., Enjoys Good Revival

PORT HURON, Mich.—The Church of God in Port Huron, Mich., is still on the map and in the work for our Lord. Last night we closed a very good revival. About fifteen were saved and reclaimed, two sanctified and a number lifted their hands to be remembered in prayer. The church and its membership in general are revived and encouraged. We had with us Brother James L. Slay, Jr., and wife of Mobile, Ala. My, what a lot of good messages we heard. He surely was under God's mighty anointing. We are very thankful for having had him as our evangelist during the past three weeks. Our pastor, Brother Carl G. Carder, Sister Carder and Sister Slay made up a trio and sang during the meetings. We had our esteemed state overseer, E. O. Kerce, and family with us a number of times and the Kerce quartet sang several numbers during their stay with us. We also had visiting us Brother E. E. Winters, former pastor of East Chattanooga Church of God, now located at West Side church in Detroit. Brother Winters, welcome to Michigan! The last night of the revival, Brother Slay spoke on "The Open Window," which was followed by communion and feet washing. God's blessings came. We love Brother and Sister Slay and would like to see them come back here again sometime. Our church here covets your prayers. May there be a mighty outpouring in the days to come.—Fred E. Smith, 2020 Poplar St.

Question Box

Question: Please tell me if the scripture in Heb. 6:1-8 and Heb. 10:26, 27 means people who have received the full blessing and then turned back in sin and if they do so whether they have any more chance.
—J. H. C.

Answer: We have in the Question Box many questions on this particular scripture, and some of them are from those who at one time had salvation but have fallen away and the enemy seems to be giving them quite a fight, telling them that there is no more chance for them because they have backslidden. A comparison of versions shows definitely that the first part of the 6th chapter of Hebrews is a solemn warning of the danger in falling away after one has had an experience with God, though it must be realized that the picture drawn does not apply to all who have backslidden. The teaching in the first verse is that after having accepted Christ we must pass on into the mature things of God, leaving the elementary essentials behind so that we will not have to be continually repenting. In the 3rd verse, "And this will we do, if God permit." Moffatt's Translation, "With God's permission we will take this step." Just how far one may advance in spiritual things and then backslide without being eternally lost, is a question. It might be noted that there are many things recorded; namely, "once enlightened," "tasted of the heavenly gift," "made partakers of the Holy Ghost," "tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come." To fall away from such an experience as is described here is to crucify to oneself the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame. The teaching is plain that it is impossible to renew such a one to repentance. It is believed by many that one in such a position would have no desire to return to God. Such is set forth in the 6th verse of Moffatt's translation, "It is impossible to make them repent afresh since they crucify the Son of God in their own person and hold him up to obloquy." The scripture in Heb. 10:26, 27 is evidently a parallel of that given in Heb. 6:1-8. As long, however, as there is a desire in the individual who has backslidden, to get back to God, he should not allow anything to mar his faith in God's mercy but should turn unto God in as much as lieth in him. The 7th and 8th verses of Hebrews 6 give the picture that should show all men their responsibility of service to God in response to His love and mercy to them. "For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, that bringeth forth herbs meet for

them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is high unto cursing; whose end is to be burned." Since the Lord sends the rain (blessings) upon us we should show our appreciation by living for Him, bringing fruit unto righteousness.

Question: When will our change come from mortality to immortality, for both the dead and living? I would like to have the teaching of the Church on this, if they have any.—H. B. S.

Answer: The teaching of the Church of God on this particular subject is found in the 1940 Minutes, page 138, under the caption "Church of God Teachings," paragraph 18: "Premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the dead saints and to catch away the living saints to meet Him in the air. Matt. 24:27, 28; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17." The two outstanding scriptures on this particular subject are the last two mentioned. We read from 1 Cor. 15:51-53, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." The statements concerning both those who have gone on and those who are living is very plain. Note, "the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Then in verse 53, this corruptible puts on incorruption, and this mortal puts on immortality. This takes place at the time that Jesus comes to rapture the saints, or to catch away His Church. The scripture in 1 Thess. 4:15-17 is just as plain and is a parallel scripture to the one just quoted, thus we have it, "and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Thus the resurrection of the dead and the change of those who are alive in Christ is made; one is changed from corruption to incorruption and the other from mortality to immortality and both groups rise together to meet the Lord. It is after the tribulation period that Christ comes back to reign on earth a thousand years. See 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Jude 14, 15; Rev. 5:10; 19:11, 21; 20:4-6.

Question: Which day of the week is the Sabbath day?—E. L. C.

Answer: The word "sabbath" literally means "repose; cessation from exertion or work," therefore the Sabbath day is that day upon which man rests or ceases from
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Delkograms

By D. H. DELK

Golden Text For Feb. 23

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1.

Never did the disciples ask the Lord for a greater favor. Prayer is our greatest privilege. It's like our breath, we cannot live without it.

When this request was made Christ didn't say, "Well, I will have to get out a prayer book for you boys." Prayer is not eloquence but earnestness in a wish pointed toward God.

The more prayerful a man is the more practical his religion will be.

Short prayers sometimes have the longest range and surest aim.

A good man on his knees weighs more than the biggest giant in the devil's army.

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, it is laying hold of His highest willingness. (Trench.)

Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer, then prayer drives trouble and perplexity away. (Fenelon.)

P—Penitence

R—Refuge

A—Activity

Y—Yielding

E—Energizing

R—Running from the devil and to God.

Life is a long lane of prayer. "Pray always with all (kinds of) prayer." True prayer will lay off its coat to answer itself. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them," and then suffered to answer His own prayer. True prayer won't wrestle a week trying to bend God's will to fit ours.

Prayer and mercy are like two buckets in a well. When one ascends the other descends. (Hopkins.)

Prayer is an invisible dynamo. A young negro candidate for the ministry was told by the examining board, "Nigger, git your knees acquainted wid de ground." The reason some folks' pastor preaches so long is because they pray so short.

To begin a day without prayer is to begin it wrong.

Prayer is refilling (or refueling). Suppose the locomotive engineer were to say, "I am running so good now I won't stop for the water tower or the coal chute." Sometimes it may be wise to stop shouting in order to pray (refuel). Stop and pray, there is a hill ahead.

A good prayer can make a poor man rich. Jacob (a greedy rascal), after a real prayer, insisted on Esau taking an offering (not Fido's collection). Jacob says, "Take it, I have enough." Some folks should pray before the plate reaches them.

A sinking time is a praying time. Peter never prayed ahead of his adventure to

walk the water. But in trouble he cried for deliverance. And God wants us to call for help. Psalms 50:15. Some say, "Practice what you preach," but I say, "Practice what you pray." If you pray for anything, then live toward it. If you pray for the fire not to burn your hand, then keep your hand out of the fire. Why pray, "Lord, lead me not into temptation," then be as stubborn as a mule.

A man on his dying bed once said, "I can't make a very smooth prayer but Jesus hears me." If we tell the Lord our troubles, we can tell others our joys.

"Anon they tell him."

A very unhappy old man suddenly began shouting. When pressed for a reason he said, "I just got the answer to forty years' praying all in one lump."

So, pray on, brother; pray.

The Church — Chosen, Redeemed and Sealed

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chased slave withdrew from that awful scene, where colored men and women were bought and sold as cattle. Walking down the street, the young man said, "It was a great price I had to pay for you this day." She replied, "Yeh-suh, it sho was a big price; but Massa, I's sho glad you bought me an' not dat udder man." Drawing some papers out of his pocket, he said to her, "The price I paid for you today is not the price of a slave, but the price of your redemption. Here, take these papers, go your way; you are free. You are no longer a slave." And he went on, leaving the young negress, standing dumbfounded and surprised. When the truth finally dawned upon her mind, she clinched the papers in her upraised hands, and started after her redeemer, crying aloud these words, while tears coursed down her cheeks, "He redeemed me! He redeemed me! I'll be his bond slave fo' evah."

Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, the last Adam, man is redeemed. Rom. 8: 3; John 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:18, 19. The cross with its shed blood is the colossal price of our redemption, for out of the immensity of its merits, out of the treasures of its satisfactions and power over the justice and wrath of an offended God, because of its priceless worth, sinners are raised out of the depths and delivered from the enslaving power of sin and iniquity, and restored to the peace and favor of our heavenly Father. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

This is the glad news to all them that believe. "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world . . . Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself . . . In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." We

sing with the poet,

*"Obl the precious blood of Jesus,
How it thrills my ransomed soul.
More and more I'll sing His praises,
While the happy ages roll."*

The Trumpeter

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ing of loved ones back home. Inspiration to witness for Jesus? Yes, we have it! It is easy to sing, to pray, and to testify.

The most outstanding feature of the service, however, is the attainment of the end toward which all service to God is directed—the salvation of souls. Last Sunday (February 9) our souls rejoiced as four of the men, who had stepped out from among their fellow prisoners and had come to the front for prayer, stood up to acknowledge Jesus as their Savior and Master. Thank the good Lord!

Just now, we ask you to pray for these unfortunate men and for us who are God's ambassadors to them. — Hoyet Bridges, Editor of the Trumpeter.

Mission Page

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tion in Malayalam.

Last night we opened up the loud speaker and got it going. What a thrill to hear "Silent Night," the first record we put on it, sounding out so loudly on the night air. Later Brother Cook talked some. John 3:16 was repeated, other music was given, followed by a message and prayer. It could be heard for some distance from here and people began to run up the hill to find out the source; then stood in admiration and awe listening. How we do praise God for this instrument by which we hope to reach many with the gospel message. Our annual convention is fixed to be held February 2-9 and this loud speaker will help so much at this gathering to which thousands come.

There is another note of praise which I should have mentioned before. The night before we were to disembark, about eighty people on our ship were taken sick after dinner and some were so sick that they were unable to disembark. It must have been something in the food but they could not find what the cause was. We praise God that we—Brother Cook and I—were not a bit sick.

There is more we might write but we must get this started on its long journey through the air to you. We thank you for your prayers and trust you will continue to pray. We also praise God for more good news on our arrival. Our son George has lately taken his third examination in Hindi and he was the only one who passed out of the thirty who took the examination here in Chengannur. May the Lord richly bless you each one is our prayer.—Yours in His glad service, Bertha N. Cook.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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came from a preacher. He is affiliated with a movement that preaches Second-Blessing Holiness. I had thought that the "weapons of our warfare were not carnal." I also thought there was some talk concerning turning the other cheek, etc. YES, THIS WEALTHY MAN AND OTHER BIG-TIME PREACHERS ARE PERFECTLY WILLING TO GO TO WAR. THEY WON'T BE SENT TO THE FRONT. NO, THIS MAN CAN CLAIM HE IS NECESSARY AT THE FACTORIES. IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

Question Box

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his work. Jerusalem is called the home of three religions because in its bounds is a large number of Catholics, Jews, and Mohammedans, all of which claim Jerusalem as a sacred city. Friday is the Sabbath of the Arabs and all of their work ceases and their stores close. Saturday is the Sabbath of the Jews and all of their shops close. Sunday is the Sabbath of the Christians and all of their shops close. So that Jerusalem is not only the home of three religions but the home of three Sabbaths or rest days.

In Memory Of

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stricken brother, Emmitt Daniel, Gen. Del., Hot Springs, N. Mex.

TOWNSEND

Belle Townsend, daughter of Brother and Sister Tilmond Townsend, departed this life Jan. 16, 1941; age eighteen years. —Miss Daisy Treadway, Bernice, Ky.

ENSLEY

Mary Sue Ensley, a faithful member of the Church of God at Greensboro, N. C., was born Aug. 9, 1869, and departed this life Nov. 4, 1940; age seventy-one years. —Her pastor, John L. Stephens.

HOUSE

Sister Julia House, of Blackton, Ark., a charter member of the Church of God at Dyer, Ark., departed this life Jan. 20, 1941. — Mrs. Albert Lawson, Holly Grove, Ark.

REPORTS

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gel subscriptions have also greatly increased.

We raised the remainder of the money and paid off all the indebtedness on the property here the first month and then fitted both the parsonage and church with gas, bought gas circulating heaters for the church, and covered the church with white asbestos shingles, and have it all paid for but \$125.00 and that is all pledged.—V. W. Thomas.

The Race Is On

The Evangel contest drive is on. The subscriptions are pouring into our office. From one state there comes a list of 120; at another time a check is received for \$107.00 for subscriptions. Only five and one-half more months to work in this year's contest.

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Work on Bluefield, Va., District Moving On

BISHOP, Va.—I praise the dear Lord for the work on the Bluefield district, and for the way He is blessing. We surely appreciate our new pastor and district pastor, Brother W. T. Morefield, and family. They are doing a good work here. The churches are moving on for God. Brother Morefield surely believes in moving on with the work of the Lord. I am sure if every servant of God was like him there would be more done for the Lord and everyone would be shouting the victory in these last days. We know that God sent him here to labor with us. He always knows how to work for us. People prayed for God's will to be done.

The church at Dunford Town is on fire for God since he went there as pastor, and we will soon be in our new church at Adrie. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," 1 Cor. 3:9.

We appreciate all the other brothers who have labored here on the Bluefield district—Brother A. J. Cox and others. Brother Morefield surely has been a father to me in the Lord in helping me in my work for H'm. If there ever was a time we young ministers need advice, it's now. I realize the only one that can help us is God, but I am glad to have someone to go to ask about things we need to know, and I am glad that we people have him here with us. He is building the new church at Adrie and he surely will have the enemy to deal with when he gets it finished, but we can pray them in or out one. God's work must not be hindered; it must move on.

I am glad because I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost which makes me want to work for God and give to His cause. We are looking for great things here by God being our helper. I am pastoring a little church on the district. It is my first one to pastor and I

need your prayers that I will be a good one who will win souls for God. I am also district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Pray much for the work at Adrie and for a great revival there.—Elmer Franklin.

Illinois Moving On For God

I am glad to give a few words as to how we are moving on in the great State of Illinois. First, I want to state that our overseer, Brother H. O. Harris, is on the go in the interest of the work of the great Church of God. Quite an interest is manifested among the ministers and laity in getting subscriptions to the Evangel. The aged ministers' fund is about all paid. The camp ground, consisting of about ten acres, is a valuable asset to the

work and the church may realize something from it on account of the oil they say is under it.

The mission spirit is on, the churches are working on it and some are up or just about up with their quota. The good spirit is prevailing among the ministers and the church that we are laboring with. While it's small, yet we feel so good in being with these good people. Some good revivals are on at present and we are expecting some good new churches this year as our state evangelist and wife are old timers in the work, and I am sure they will do some good work.

Last but not least, we are still shouting the victory and thank God for our good overseer.—P. F. Fritz and wife, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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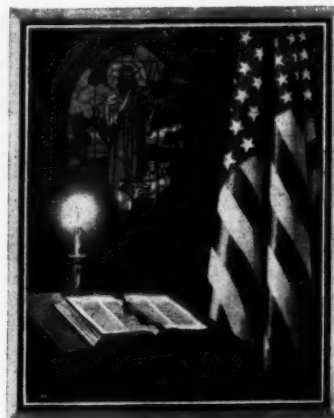
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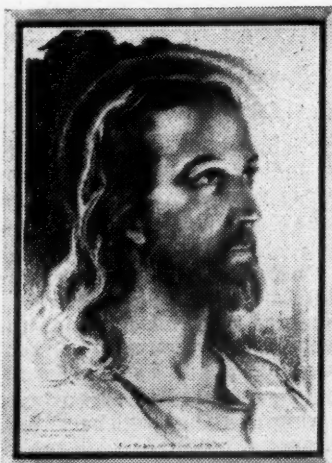
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